

Created by the N.C. General Assembly in 1961, the North Carolina Awards program was the inspiration of the late state Sen. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville. Each year since 1964, honorees have received the coveted gold medallion suspended from a red, white, and blue ribbon.

Past recipients include humanitarian John Motley Morehead, scientist Clyde Hutchinson, writer Maya Angelou, businessman/preservationist Richard Jenrette and singer James Taylor.

This year's awards committee was headed by Jack Cozort of Raleigh. The other committee members were Nick Bragg of Winston-Salem, Jean McLaughlin of Penland, Hal Crowther of Hillsborough, and Shirley Frye of Greensboro.

The N.C. Department of Cultural Resources coordinates the North Carolina Awards program. Attendance is by invitation only. A complete list of all 218 past winners is available at <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/ncawards/ncawardsmain.asp>. For more information, contact the Information and Marketing Services Office at (919) 807-7389.

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